

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
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SUBJECT: TEACHERS AND PUBLIC SERVICE WORKERS STRIKE

REF: LISBON 1785 (NOTAL)

SUMMARY: ONE-DAY STRIKES MARCH 10 BY TEACHERS AND PUBLIC  
SERVICE WORKERS HAD MIXED RESULTS, WITH THE TEACHERS  
SHOWING MORE UNIFORMLY HIGH PARTICIPATION. END SUMMARY.

1. ONE-DAY STRIKES MARCH 10 BY TEACHERS AND PUBLIC SERVICE  
WORKERS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY HAD MIXED RESULTS. TEACHERS'  
UNIONS WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE COMMUNIST AND SOCIAL  
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DEMOCRATS WERE DEMANDING THE IMMEDIATE REOPENING OF  
NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE EDUCATION MINISTRY. PUBLIC SERVICE  
WORKERS, WITH THE ENDORSEMENT OF CGTP, PSD AND INDEPENDENT  
UNIONS STRUCK TO PROTEST THE LEVEL AND DISTRIBUTION OF  
SALARY INCREASES. THE GOVERNMENT, THE PS, AND THE CDS LABELLED  
THE TWO STRIKES POLITICAL.

2. ADHEREENCE DISPUTED: THE TEACHERS' STRIKE WAS A MORE  
SUCCESSFUL AND THE UNION CLAIMED THAT 85 PERCENT OF THE NATION'S  
100,000 TEACHERS ADHERED TO THE STRIKE. IN BOTH LISBON AND  
Oporto, CLASSES WERE EFFECTIVELY SHUT DOWN. A TEACHERS'  
DEMONSTRATION IN LISBON, THE EVENING OF MARCH 10 WAS  
LESS SUCCESSFUL, DRAWING ONLY 2,500 MARCHERS. PUBLIC SERVICE  
UNIONS CLAIMED BETWEEN 75 AND 100 PERCENT PARTICIPATION IN  
THE STRIKE WHILE THE MINISTER  
OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM SAID A PARTIAL CHECK OF THE 370,000  
PUBLIC SERVICE WORKERS SHOWED ONLY 24 PERCENT STRIKING.  
SPOT CHECKS BY AMCONSUL OPORTO REVEALED THAT 20 PERCENT DID  
NOT SHOW IN GOVERNMENT OFFICES, BUT THAT WORK WAS CON-  
TINUING. (COMMENT ON STRIKES WILL FOLLOW SEPTTEL.)  
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